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SUBJECT: CHINESE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

1. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AFP REPORT OF MAY 5 THAT LI CHIANG, IN DISCUSSION OF CHINESE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CROSLAND, SAID THAT CHINA IS PRODUCING "SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 100 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY." BRITISH CONFIRM THAT AFP QUOTE REPRESENTS FAIRLY WHAT LI SAID, ALTHOUGH LI WENT ON TO SAY THAT "THIS YEAR OR NEXT, WE SHOULD BE OVER 100 MILLION." THIS UNFORTUNATELY DOES NOT TELL US JUST WHAT PERIOD LI WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVERSATION DID NOT CLARIFY HIS STATEMENT.
2. IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF EXPORTS, LI SAID THAT TENG HSIAO-PING'S PROJECTIONS OF OIL EXPORTS HAD NOT TAKEN CHINA'S DOMESTIC NEEDS SUFFICIENTLY INTO ACCOUNT,
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AND THAT EXPORT GROWTH WOULD BE SLOWER IN

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